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Dear Sir:



Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification

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01 FC:2201 Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 9, with the following rewritten

paragraph:

--The architecture 40 includes a back plane interface card 42 adapted to couple with a splitter card 44. The interface card 42 is preferably mounted at a back plane 46 of a splitter chassis or housing, and includes a circuit board 48 adapted to align at a generally perpendicular angle relative to the back plane 46. The circuit board 48 includes a back edge 50 positioned generally at the back plane 46, and a front edge 52 that is forwardly offset from the back plane 46. First, second and third multi-pair cable connectors 54, 56, and 58 are mounted at the back edge 50, and first and second card edge connectors 60 and 62 are mounted at the front edge 52. The first cable connector 54 (i.e., a LINE connector as labeled in Figure 8) is adapted

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